

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1297 without my signature.

This bill mandates unnecessary restrictions on school districts ability to maintain their heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. By restricting the pool of employees eligible to work on school HVAC systems, this bill will lead to reduced competition and higher costs for school districts. Mandating districts only use certain contractors or similar school district employees would simply create a reimbursable state mandate with costs in the millions of dollars annually.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger